

In the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract on page 8 with the following amended abstract:

A method of making an optical component is disclosed as introducing wherein an optical component carrier is introduced through an opening (2) into a mold (1) ; ~~aligning~~ The carrier is aligned relative to the mold (1) by means of at least one positioning means ; ~~introducing a~~ A removable closure member (4) is introduced into a coupling portion of the mold to form an optical window surface (3) ; ~~filling~~ A light transmissive moldable material is filled into the mold (1) ; and cured, ~~curing the moldable material; and removing the~~ The closure member (4) is then removed to complete the optical component.